

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A technique is provided for managing network devices and computer systems via a remote directory environment. The remote directory environment organizes various resources, such as servers, in a directory structure and provides access rights and restrictions to the resources based on groups or roles. A user with the proper access rights is then able to access the desired resource, such as a server, and create or modify management operations, device configurations, and other tasks. The subject device may then be notified of the new or modified operation, configuration, or task. The subject device also may routinely or periodically retrieve various management tasks from the remote directory environment.